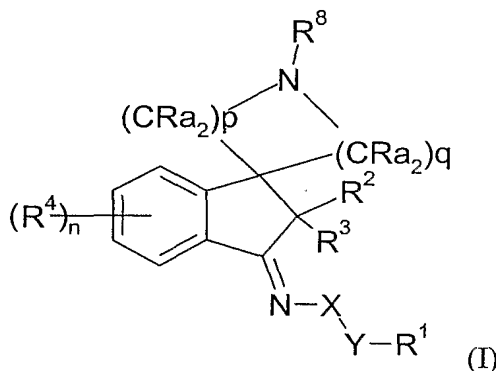


## CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I



wherein X is O or NR<sup>11</sup> where R<sup>11</sup> is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl,  
optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

Y is a single bond, C=O, C=S or S(O)<sub>m</sub> where m is 0, 1 or 2;

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted

alkylaminocarbonyl, optionally substituted dialkylaminocarbonyl, optionally

substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted alkoxy,

optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy, optionally

substituted heterocycloxy, cyano, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally

substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted

cycloalkenyl, formyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted

alkylthio, NO or NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> where R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are independently hydrogen, COR<sup>15</sup>,

optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted

heteroaryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> together with the N atom

to which they are attached form a group -N=C(R<sup>16</sup>)-NR<sup>17</sup>R<sup>18</sup>; R<sup>15</sup> is H, optionally

substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted aryl, optionally

substituted aryloxy optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted

heteroaryloxy or NR<sup>19</sup>R<sup>20</sup>; R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup> and R<sup>18</sup> are each independently H or lower alkyl;

R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are independently optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl  
or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently hydrogen, halogen, cyano, optionally substituted alkyl,

optionally substituted alkoxy or optionally substituted aryl;

each  $R^4$  is independently halogen, nitro, cyano, optionally substituted  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl, optionally substituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy carbonyl, optionally substituted alkyl carbonyl, optionally substituted alkyl aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted dialkyl aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy, optionally substituted alkylthio or  $R^{21}R^{22}N$  where  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  are, independently, hydrogen,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{3-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl( $C_{1-4}$ )alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  haloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy carbonyl or  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  together with the N atom to which they are attached form a five, six or seven-membered heterocyclic ring which may contain one or two further heteroatoms selected from O, N or S and which may be optionally substituted by one or two  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups, or 2 adjacent groups  $R^4$  together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 4, 5, 6, or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring which may be optionally substituted by halogen; n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each  $R_a$  is independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, optionally substituted  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl, optionally substituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl, optionally substituted alkoxy carbonyl, optionally substituted alkyl carbonyl, optionally substituted alkyl aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted dialkyl aminocarbonyl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy, optionally substituted alkylthio, optionally substituted arylthio or  $R^{23}R^{24}N$  where  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are, independently, hydrogen,  $C_{1-8}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{3-6}$  alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$  alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl( $C_{1-4}$ )alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  haloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy carbonyl or  $R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  together with the N atom to which they are attached form a five, six or seven-membered heterocyclic ring which may contain one or two further heteroatoms selected from O, N or S and which may be optionally substituted by one or two  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups, or two  $R_a$  groups attached to the same carbon atom are  $=O$  or two  $R_a$  groups attached to adjacent carbon atoms form a bond, or two  $R_a$  groups together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a three- to

seven-membered ring, that may be saturated or unsaturated, and that may contain one or two hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, and which may be optionally substituted by one or two C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; or two R<sub>a</sub> groups together form a group -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH=CH- or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>;

5 p is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; q is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 provided that p+q is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; R<sup>8</sup> is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted alkoxycarbonyl, optionally substituted alkylcarbonyl or optionally substituted  
10 alkenylcarbonyl; or salts or N-oxides thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein X is NH and Y is a single bond or C=O.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein each R<sub>a</sub> is hydrogen and R<sup>2</sup>  
15 and R<sup>3</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or cyano.

4. A compound according to any preceeding claim wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl,  
20 heteroaryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the heteroaryl group may be optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, or two adjacent positions on the heteroaryl system may be cyclised to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, itself  
25 optionally substituted with halogen), aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the aryl group may be optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, or two adjacent positions on the aryl system may be cyclised to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or  
30 heterocyclic ring, itself optionally substituted with halogen), C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aryl (which may be optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>

alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, or two adjacent positions on the aryl system may be cyclised to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, itself optionally substituted with halogen), heteroaryl (which may be optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, or two adjacent positions on the heteroaryl system may be cyclised to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, itself optionally substituted with halogen), C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, phenoxy (wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), heteroaryloxy (optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), heterocyclyloxy (optionally substituted by halo, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), cyano, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>5-7</sub> cycloalkenyl, heterocyclyl (optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkylthio or NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> where R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, phenyl (which may be optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, dialkylamino or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl), phenyl (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the phenyl group may be optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, dialkylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, or two adjacent positions on the phenyl ring may be cyclised to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, itself optionally substituted with halogen), heteroaryl (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the heteroaryl group may be optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, or two adjacent positions on the heteroaryl system may be cyclised to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, itself optionally substituted with halogen) or heteroaryl (which may be optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>

alkoxycarbonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonylamino, phenyloxycarbonylamino (wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), amino, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylamino or phenylamino (wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted  
 5 halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino)).

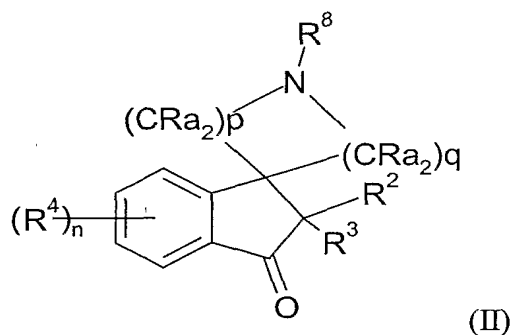
5. A compound according to any preceeding claim wherein each R<sup>4</sup> is independently halogen, cyano, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> cyanoalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>  
 10 cycloalkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>5-6</sub> cycloalkenyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> alkenyloxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> alkynyloxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aryloxy(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> carboxyalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenylcarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynylcarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> alkenyloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> alkynyloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aryloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl,  
 15 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aminocarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylaminocarbonyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl (wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), heteroaryl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl (wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally  
 20 substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), heterocyclyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl (wherein the heterocyclyl group is optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, aminocarbonyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylaminocarbonyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, phenyl(C<sub>2-4</sub>)-alkenyl, (wherein the  
 25 phenyl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, trimethylsilyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl, aminocarbonyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylaminocarbonyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> halocycloalkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cyanocycloalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>  
 30 alkyl(C<sub>3-7</sub>)-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl(C<sub>3-7</sub>)halocycloalkyl, phenyl (optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), heteroaryl (optionally substituted by halo, nitro,

cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), heterocyclyl (wherein the heterocyclyl group is optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), or 2 adjacent groups R<sup>4</sup> together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 4, 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring which may be optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy, phenoxy (optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), heteroaryloxy (optionally substituted by halo, nitro, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy or C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkoxy), C<sub>1-8</sub> alkylthio or R<sup>19</sup>R<sup>20</sup>N where R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are, independently, hydrogen, C<sub>1-8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl or R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> together with the N atom to which they are attached form a five, six or seven-membered heterocyclic ring which may contain one or two further heteroatoms selected from O, N or S and which may be optionally substituted by one or two C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

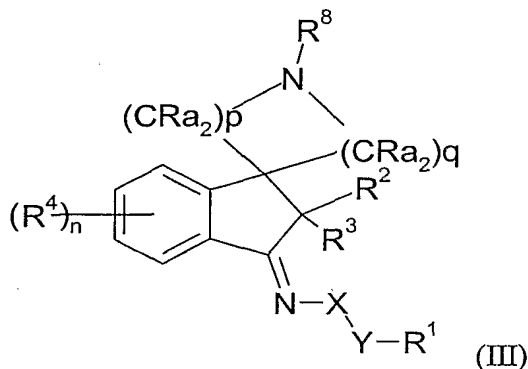
6. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-10</sub> haloalkyl, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), heteroaryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), arylcarbonyl-(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl (wherein the aryl group may be optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino and the alkyl group may be optionally substituted by aryl), C<sub>2-8</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-8</sub> haloalkenyl, aryl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)-alkenyl (wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, or two adjacent substituents can cyclise to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring), heteroaryl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)-alkenyl (wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, or two adjacent substituents can cyclise to form a 5, 6 or 7 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring), C<sub>2-6</sub>

alkynyl, phenyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl (wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted by halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl carbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl carbonyl or aryl(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl carbonyl (wherein the aryl group may be optionally substituted halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkoxy, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, aryl, heteroaryl, amino or dialkylamino), or -C(R<sup>51</sup>)(R<sup>52</sup>)-[CR<sup>53</sup>=CR<sup>54</sup>]<sub>z</sub>-R<sup>55</sup> where z is 1 or 2, R<sup>51</sup> and R<sup>52</sup> are each independently H, halo or C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl, R<sup>53</sup> and R<sup>54</sup> are each independently H, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl and R<sup>55</sup> is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl.

7. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein p is 1 or 2 and q is 2.
8. A compound of formula II



wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, Ra, n, p and q are as defined in claim 1 and R<sup>8</sup> may also be hydrogen or *tert*-butoxycarbonyl; or a compound of formula III



wherein X, Y, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, Ra, n, p and q are as defined in claim 1 and R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or *tert*-butoxycarbonyl.

9. An insecticidal acaricidal and nematocidal composition comprising an insecticidally, acaricidally or nematocidally effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1.

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10. A method of combating and controlling insects, acarines, nematodes or molluscs which comprises applying to a pest, to a locus of a pest, or to a plant susceptible to attack by a pest an insecticidally, acaricidally, nematocidally or molluscicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I.

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